

Utah Sports Authority  
Pete Suazo Utah Athletic Commission Meeting Minutes  
August 2, 2007  
8:10 a.m. (1 hour 42 minutes)

Attending: President: Alan Dayton, Commissioners: Ty McArtney and Rich Montanez,  
Secretary: Bill Colbert

Minutes from the last meeting were approved subject to recommended changes by the three commissioners. Ty McArtney moved to approve the minutes and Rich Montanez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

From the agenda, Bill Colbert reports on transition changes. He thanks the Office of Economic Development (GOED) for their cooperation. The process has been complicated. Bill's office phone number is 538-8776, fax closest to him: 538-6111 (short faxes only) or the department fax: 538-8888. The biggest issue is getting IT support. He was presented a proposal for a laptop and software component, a docking station and LCD monitor at the estimated cost of \$2000. He is working with IT on the State level to gain access to the State server to upload the Department of Commerce (DOC) licensing software. It cannot be done through GOED. The licensing software is needed to process licenses properly, maintain the database and be able to issue formal licenses. Although the licensing software may be available to him soon, he needs server access before he can do anything with the licensing software. Alan Dayton suggested, as Rich had mentioned, that Bill have a laptop that he can take to events and be able to have internet access. Bill indicated he is taking his personal laptop to the events using an Excel spreadsheet of active licenses from the software program as of June 31, 2007 that the DOC quickly provided. Due to multiple complaints of no licensing record, it is possible that some licensing information may have been lost in transition. The PSUAC wants all information to be backed up in case of theft or loss. Bill would like to keep the computer in a secured case. Mike Zollinger still has his phone but the number will be transferred to a new phone which is charged and ready. Bill is currently using his personal cell phone for PSUAC business.

GOED is in the process of updating their website. The driving force of the website changes will be gaining IT access so PSUAC rules and forms can be posted. He has already converted many forms from the DOC to the Utah Sports Authority. The most difficult form to convert is the Post Fight Physical forms and is not done yet. Bill also mentioned the process of paying inspectors and commissioners is close.

There are missing items from the transition. Most boxes have contained fighter records. Contestant suspensions, ORS information or legal actions against some promoters will take time to locate. Random drug testing needs to be done at the events but Bill does not have all the instructions or equipment for them. Rich Montanez indicated the PSUAC was previously using urine drug tests but he understands they changed to a swab method. Vickie Zollinger, Mike's wife, has been very cooperative in helping Bill with the transition while Mike is on military duty. There may be a second scale missing. The Commission has asked Bill to get what inventory he

can from Zollinger's and then start building an inventory list and list of needs. There is one bell and a training video for inspectors.

Bill indicated Mike Stidham will be in attendance today. Mike would like commissioners to sit away from ringside to sell more seats. The commissioners agree they need to have designated ringside seating with a clear, unobstructed view. Rich Montanez wants to talk about licensing timekeepers at some time. Due to the importance of the job, individuals should not be impaired with alcohol or other substances. He has witnessed this behavior before. The commissioners also discussed the importance of paramedics sitting ringside and having a clear, unobstructed path to the ring without security needed for crowd control. Rich Montanez indicated the protocols state the secretary has the right to inspect the ring/cage up to 2 hours before a scheduled event and makes sure everything is placed where he wants and any changes are done according to his liking. The Commission is in charge of all events. Protocols were discussed.

Mike Stidham arrives. He feels the Commission overly staffs his events. He indicates he and his staff can help with some of the facilitation of his shows. Mike's concerns are as follows: the PSUAC's request for purse payments as soon as the fighter leaves the ring, the Commission seating at ringside and inspector's sitting right with the corners. The Commission requested the designation of one ringside table for all Commission officials and the physician. The PSUAC shared the concern about possible drunken behavior at ringside tables. Mike indicated they announce to the public that touching or getting into the cage is a way to be thrown out; he would be more concerned if it were a boxing ring. There was some discussion about placards being placed ringside to indicate the Commission has authority. Inspectors escort contestants to and from the cage. Mike feels one inspector can handle both corners and escorting. The referees are very thorough about checking the fighters' equipment and an inspector does not need to check them before they enter the cage. Bill is concerned about one inspector being able to keep a watchful eye on both fighters in between rounds.

There was a discussion about hand taping/wrapping in MMA. What are inspectors looking for? The Commission wants MMA taping/wrapping to be added to the protocols. Rich Montanez suggested surveying the ABC to see about any training for MMA wrapping. Mike suggested Jon McArthy as the best resource and his website [mmarefs.com](http://mmarefs.com). The Commission would like to hold a training for the inspectors on MMA hand taping/wrapping. The Commission does not want inspectors doing any hand taping/wrapping. Inspectors are only signing MMA hand taping/wrapping indicating no foreign or suspicious objects have been placed in fighters' hands before taping. Mike suggested the latter point be put in writing.

#### Schedule of events:

- a. UCE: August 4, 11, 18 and 25 – Club Bliss. Mike Stidham is adding an under age event around September 14 to give the younger fighters an opportunity to fight in the finals September 22 at the E-Center.
- b. OFA Productions: Auguts 10 – Weber County Fair. Weigh-ins are the night before.
- c. CAM Boxing, Inc.: August 18 – South Towne Exposition Center. Weigh-ins are the day before.

MMA rules were adopted by the previous Commission. The MMA rules were adopted as a policy for now. Rich Montanez made that motion. Alan Dayton seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The attorney for the PSUAC is Rebecca Walters and the rule making goes through Ken Hansen. Bill will check into this. Mike would like amateur MMA events to be State sanctioned by the PSUAC. Rich Montanez suggested surveying the ABC to see who sanctions amateur MMA events. Mike also mentioned there are no rules for kickboxing or Muay Tai and that the PSUAC may want to look at adopting some.

There are some safety concerns with the large crowds at Mike's events. Mike indicated that the fire marshall was there and approved Club Bliss for his events. A discussion ensued regarding ticket sales, complimentary tickets and audience head count.

The 3% broadcast revenue was touched on and discussed briefly.

Rich Layton of OFA Productions was discussed. He has a current promoter's license. Bill has talked with the Weber County Fair. There was some discussion of a possible previous Rich Layton suspension. Old minutes can be reviewed if found.

Bill is waiting for a copy of Bob Olesen's, CAM Boxing, Inc., bond and health insurance. Larry Fullmer has already committed to the event as a judge. Bill has asked Rich Montanez to look over his list of inspectors to pick out those with boxing event experience. Bill has contacted Fight Fax.

Alan Dayton asked Bill to contact Carl Wimmer to be an inspector.

Alan Dayton asked commissioners to wear ties and inspectors to wear the white polo shirts. He also wants lanyards to be used. Alan does not believe the PSUAC badges say anything about the Department of Commerce and should not have been kept. Bill has been asked to make new lanyards for commissioners.

Alan Dayton does want the commission to attend ABC conventions. Alan would also like to go and spend some time with the Las Vegas commission.

The commissioners gave Bill the authority to choose or release inspectors.

Mike Stidham requested being put on a mailing list for future PSUAC meetings.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

Alan Dayton made the motion to adjourn. Richard Montanez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.